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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE WATER USERS
OF THE BEAVER RIVER SYSTEM

Held February 27, 1962

Pursuant to notice given by the State Engineer of the State of Utah, a meeting of the water users of the Beaver River System was held at the County Courthouse in Beaver City, Utah, at 10:00 A. M. of this date. Those present are shown on Exhibit I attached hereto.

Present from the State Engineer's office were: Donald C. Norseth, Distribution Engineer; Frank Reese, Business Manager; and T. Vinton Smith.

Mr. Norseth called the meeting to order and explained that the purpose thereof was to adopt a budget for the system for the coming year, to recommend to the State Engineer a Water Commissioner for 1962, and to conduct any other business of the system. He then turned the meeting over to Chairman Yardley.

The minutes of the Water Users for 1961 were read. Mr. A. J. Low pointed out that two items in the minutes, namely the wastage of water by the Telluride Power Company and the manner in which committee members were elected should be called up for further discussion as unfinished business. It was moved by Robert Christiansen, seconded by John G. White and unanimously passed that the minutes as read be approved.

T. Vinton Smith gave his annual financial report of the Beaver River System, showing among other things, balance on hand as of the beginning of the year of \$2,964.85; total 1961 receipts of \$3,131.78; total expenditures of \$3,995.57; leaving a balance on hand of \$2,101.06. He also reported that there was \$349.19 outstanding in delinquent assessments and he reported the names of those who were delinquent. A copy of the report is attached hereto.

Mr. Reese stated that because of the Water Commissioner coming under state retirement and because of emergency miscellaneous items which were approved by the Chairman, that the budget was overexpended for these items, but because of under expenditure of travel allowance the overall expenditures were within the \$4,000.00 budget. It was moved by M. J. Warr, seconded by A. J. Low and unanimously passed that the financial report be approved.

Water Commissioner, Lee Strong, gave his annual report, showing present snow and water measurements on the water shed, the amount of runoff during 1961 and the amounts delivered to the various ditches. He reported that the water outlook for 1962 looked very favorable at this time. It was moved by A. J. Low, seconded by Glen Gillies, and unanimously passed that the report of the water commissioner be approved.

The Chairman called for nominations for a water commissioner to be recommended to the State Engineer for appointment for 1962, and read the application submitted by Lee Strong for the position. Martell Easton nominated Lee Strong for water commissioner. The nomination was seconded by Glen Gillies. There being no further nominations, Lee Strong was elected by acclamation.

The election of committee members came up at this time and there was considerable discussion as to the manner in which members were elected by geographical areas. It appeared to be the opinion of the water users that a more representative manner of electing the members should be devised. Mr. Norseth reported that he had determined from the old minutes of the system that the present manner and representation had been set up many years ago. He further stated that other systems in the state had in recent years changed their procedures of electing committee members and that he would furnish the Water Users Committee with copies of Articles of Association of other systems. It was moved by Robert Christiansen

That we ask Mr. Norseth for copies of Articles of Association of other water systems for study by the Beaver River Water Users Committee, and that the Chairman call a meeting of the officers of all the various ditches and other interested water users for the purpose of drawing up articles of association governing the Beaver River System, and in particular as to how and on what representative basis committee members shall be elected. The motion was seconded by Sheldon Roberts and unanimously passed. 7

Robert Christiansen moved that all of the committee members be retained for 1962, except Amasa Barton who was moving to Montana, and that D. James Williams be elected to replace him. The motion was seconded by Joseph C. Murdock and passed with one opposing vote.

The Chairman recommended that the system levy an assessment of \$3,000.00 for 1962 and that \$1,000.00 be drawn from the reserves of the system to provide for a 1962 budget of \$4,000.00. It was pointed out by Mr. Reese that Social Security and State Retirement would necessitate a larger budget unless other items were cut. Thereupon it was moved by Robert Christiansen that a budget for 1962 of \$4,120.00 be adopted, with \$1,120.00 coming from the reserves of the ~~company~~ and that the State Engineer be authorized and directed to levy and collect an assessment of \$3,000.00 from the water users. The motion was seconded by A. J. Low and unanimously passed.

It was moved by John G. White, seconded by Robert Christiansen and passed, that Mr. Reese be authorized to modify the budget to provide for \$93.75 for Social Security and to reduce the Miscellaneous item to \$26.25.

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Mr. Reese also requested authority to over expend the budget for emergency items up to \$50.00 without having to first get authorization from the Water Users Committee. It was so moved by A. J. Low, seconded by M. J. Warr and passed.

Mr. Norseth advised that on behalf of the State Engineer they would accept the recommendation of the water users and appoint Lee Strong as water commissioner. He requested cooperation of the water users not having measuring devises on their ditches to have such devises installed before the irrigation season, otherwise the State Engineer would have to take action to enforce their installation or cut off the irrigators water. The question of who was responsible for delivering water to Beaver City was brought up and Mr. Norseth stated that he would direct the Water Commissioner and Beaver City on the matter. 7

There was further discussion on the wastage and fluctuation of water by the Telluride Power Company. It was moved by Blake Smith that the Water Users Committee look into the matters and see what could be done to prevent them. The motion was seconded by M. J. Warr and passed.

Present business being concluded, the meeting was adjourned, subject to call of the State Engineer.

Approved: _____
Chairman

C. Victor Smith
Secretary

EXHIBIT I

Name	Representing
Glenn Gillies	Harris Ditch
Arnold J. Low	Willis Canal
M. J. Warr	Kents Lake
Robert Christiansen	North Creek Irrigation Co.
John G. White	West Side Irrigation Co.
Joseph C. Murdock	Emerson Ditch
B. Nowers	South Creek Mutual Assn.
Alan Hutchings	
Sam Hutchings	
Blake Smith	
Waldo Yardley	
Eugene Tanner	Telluride Power Co.
Sheldon Roberts	West Field Canal & Irrigation Co.
Martell Easton	Beaver City
Earl Smith	Kents Lake, Willis
Ray Yardley	
Alvin Yardley	
Thomas Smith	
Rex Limb	West Side Irrig. Co. & 2nd North West
Leon Paice	
Wm. H. Wood	Minersville Irrigation Co.
Wallace D. Yardley	Chairman
C. Victor Smith	Secretary
T. Vinton Smith	State Engineer's Office
Donald C. Norseth	State Engineer's Office
Frank Reese	State Engineer's Office
Cloyce Lee Strong	Water Commissioner